

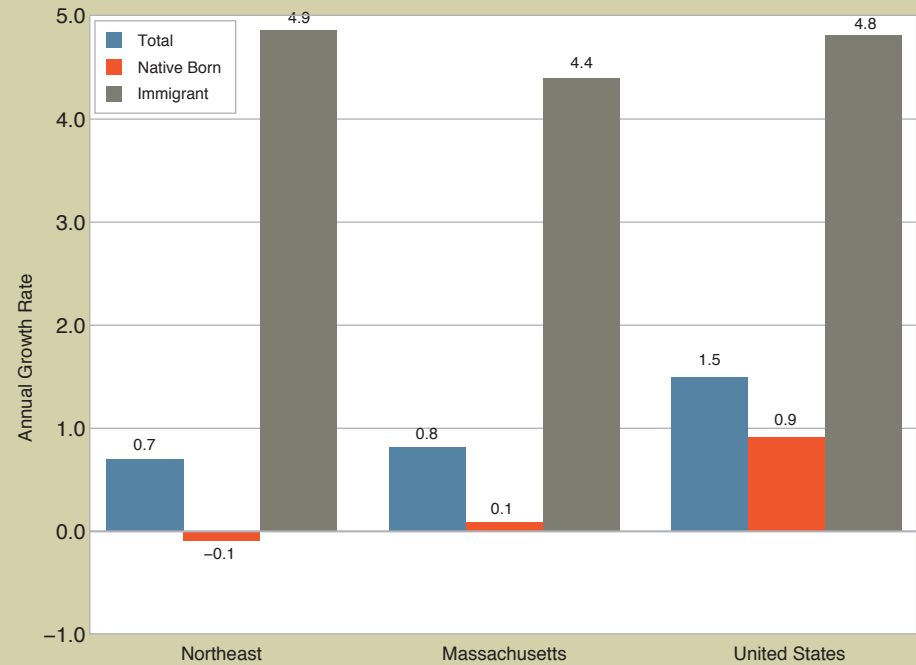
## GROWTH IN THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY NATIVITY STATUS

The civilian labor force consists of people who are either working or unemployed but actively looking for work (a region's actual labor supply). And much like they are doing with the working-age population, immigrants are driving growth in the Northeast civilian labor force. Despite declines in native-born residents participating in the labor force between 2000 and 2005-2007, the region's labor force grew because of a strong 4.9 percent annual growth rate of immigrants in the labor force. While the region's 0.7 percent annual growth in civilian labor force was nearly the same as in Massachusetts, it was half the United States' growth rate. From 2005-2007 to 2008-2010, the region's native-born civilian labor force started to grow, while immigrants in the labor force grew at a slower rate than earlier in the decade. The result was a rate of growth in the total civilian labor force similar to that of Massachusetts, but also one that slightly trailed the national trend.

**Source:** US Census 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files, 2005-2007 and 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

**Note:** The civilian labor force is all individuals 16 years of age or older who are classified as employed or unemployed and actively looking for work. Immigrants are individuals born outside the US.

Annual Growth Rate, 2000 to 2005-2007



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